

Grey Butcher-bird (*Cracticus torquatus*).—I believe that there were usually several Grey Butcher-birds in the vicinity of Caron, but individuals were not often sighted.

Pied Butcher-bird (*Cracticus nigrogularis*).—These birds proved quite frequent. A nest with three eggs was located in August 1947 and a nest with young in mid-October. This is probably the more frequent of the two butcher-birds at Caron.

Western Magpie (*Gymnorhina dorsalis*).—Four or five flocks were located within a mile of the town. Breeding took place in the August-October period.

## FROM FIELD AND STUDY

**Orchids in Dry Country.**—Orchids are usually associated with areas of sure rainfall and their occurrence further inland is always a matter of interest. The following note records two species east of Southern Cross. On July 30, 1952, while travelling on the Great Eastern Highway, we stopped at "The Rock," a vast granite outcrop near the road about 310 miles east of Perth. In the mosses at the base were growing many leaves of *Spieuladea eiliata*, a plant which flowers after the leaves disappear. As we could not be positive of their identity we took sods of the moss with the orchid leaves, and the plants flowered in October. Growing with these orchids and in most of the moss-beds from the base to the summit were innumerable rosettes of a tiny Greenhood (*Pterostylis* sp.), while near the top of the rock in a narrow crevice was found an extensive colony of flowering Donkey Orchids (*Diuris longifolia*) of small stature.

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**Land-birds of Garden Island.**—These notes may be useful for comparative purposes, following the note by Ken Buller (*W.A. Nat.*, vol. 2, 1949, p. 48). The observations were made during a visit to the island on March 27, 1953. Rock Dove (*Columba livia*).—Fairly numerous; the species is now feral on the island. Indian Turtledove (*Streptopelia chinensis*).—One seen. Senegal Turtledove (*S. senegalensis*).—Four observed. Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*).—One seen. Sacred Kingfisher (*Halcyon sanctus*).—One seen at the northern end of the island. Welcome Swallow (*Hirundo neoxena*).—Common. Tree-Martin (*Hylochelidon nigricans*).—Two seen. Willy Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*).—Eight noted. Grey Fantail (*R. fuliginosa*).—Seven seen. Golden Whistler (*Paehycephala pectoralis*).—Several birds observed, in both male and female plumage; others were calling but were not seen. Western Warbler (*Gerygone fusca*).—Two seen; these were singing as were three other individuals not located. Western Silvereye (*Zosterops australasiae*).—The commonest bird on the island. Singing Honeyeater (*Meliphaga virescens*).—One seen. Australian Pipit (*Anthus novaeseelandiae*).—One seen. Grey Butcher-bird (*Cracticus torquatus*).—Two seen, both giving the typical rollicking laugh-like call. Western Magpie (*Gymnorhina dorsalis*).—A party observed near the post office.

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